

What is claimed is:

1. A sheet transport apparatus for transporting a sheet, comprising:

a sheet feed stacker for stacking the sheet,

5 first sheet control means disposed on the sheet feed stacker and movable in a width direction of the sheet for abutting against at least one edge of the sheet stacked on the sheet feed stacker to control the width direction of the sheet,

10 discharge means disposed adjacent to the sheet feed stacker for discharging the sheet transported from the sheet feed stacker and processed at a predetermined processing unit,

a discharge stacker disposed adjacent to the discharge means and arranged to overlap with the sheet feed stacker for stacking the sheet discharged from the discharge means, and

15 second sheet control means disposed on the discharge stacker and movable along with the first sheet control means for abutting against at least one edge of the sheet discharged to the discharge stacker to control the width direction of the sheet, said second sheet control means having a contact member  
20 rotatable between a first position for contacting the at least one edge of the sheet to control the sheet and a second position away from the sheet for allowing the sheet to be taken out from the discharge stacker.

25 2. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said discharge stacker is arranged below the sheet feed stacker, and said contact member is supported by the first sheet control means such that the contact member hangs downwardly with its own weight.

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3. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second sheet control means further includes urging means for urging the contact member in a direction that the contact member contacts the edge of the sheet.

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4. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said contact member has a lower edge portion positioned below a sheet stacking surface of the discharge stacker.

10 5. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first sheet control means includes a pair of guide members for abutting against two side edges of the sheet, at least one of said guide members being movable in the width direction.

15 6. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said second sheet control means includes two contact members movable along with the pair of the guide members for abutting against the two side edges of the sheet, at least one of said contact portions being rotatable in a direction substantially  
20 perpendicular to a direction that the sheet is discharged.

7. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said discharge stacker is arranged below the sheet feed stacker, and said contact portions are supported on the guide members to  
25 hang downwardly with their own weight.

8. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising urging means for urging the contact portions in a direction that the contact portions contact the two side edges  
30 of the sheet.

9. A sheet transport apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said contact portions have lower edge portions positioned below a sheet stacking surface of the discharge stacker.

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